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RESPONSE TO JULY 20, 2006 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this response to an Office Action mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 20, 2006. A response to the Office Action was due August 20, 2006. Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time for responding to the outstanding office action. With a one-month extension of time, a response to the outstanding office action is now due September 20, 2006. Accordingly, this amendment is being timely filed.